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West Valley City Announces 2009 Community Crime Prevention Seminar Series

West Valley City - West Valley City is committed to working in partnership with members of the community to heighten crime prevention awareness through providing educational opportunities for its residents. With this in mind, a FREE Crime Prevention Seminar Series has been designed to help answer and address resident's key concerns and help them be informed of current crime trends. The seminars will give residents an opportunity to hear presentations made by not only West Valley City Police officers, but many crime prevention experts from various organizations. Time is also provided for residents to ask questions and speak with the presenters.

The 2009 Community Crime Prevention Seminar Series will begin Monday, January 12, 2009 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the West Valley City Family Fitness Center, 5415 West 3100 South. The topic for this first of eleven seminars will be *Community Resources for Gang Prevention and Intervention*. This will be presented by staff and mentors from Project 180.

Project 180 is a program of the West Valley Community Center. "Our mission is to turn gang members 180 degrees towards successful and productive members of society," states Kenny Dorrell, Project 180 Director. "Project 180 is a three month program designed to reduce gang activity by displacing components of gang life and inserting positive resources and opportunities."

All seminars will be held at the West Valley City Family Fitness Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topics will vary each month. The 2009 schedule follows on Page 2.

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2009 Crime Prevention Seminar Series Schedule:

January 12

Topic: Community Resources for Gang Prevention and Intervention

February 9

Topic: Utah Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry

March 9

Topic: National Inhalant and Poisons Awareness Month

April 13

Topic: National Alcohol Awareness Month

May 11

Topic: National Safe Kids Month (Internet Safety)

June 8

Topic: Graffiti Awareness

July 13

Topic: Home Safety

August 10

Topic: ID Theft and Senior Fraud

September 14

Topic: National Preparedness Month (CERT)

October 19

Topic: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November 9

Topic: Gang Awareness

December

NO MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAYS